



Introduction to the ALA Institutional Repository

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Background



Launched in 2014

Spearheaded by Charles Wilt, ALCTS Executive Director, in collaboration with the ALA Archives, Library, and several ALA divisions

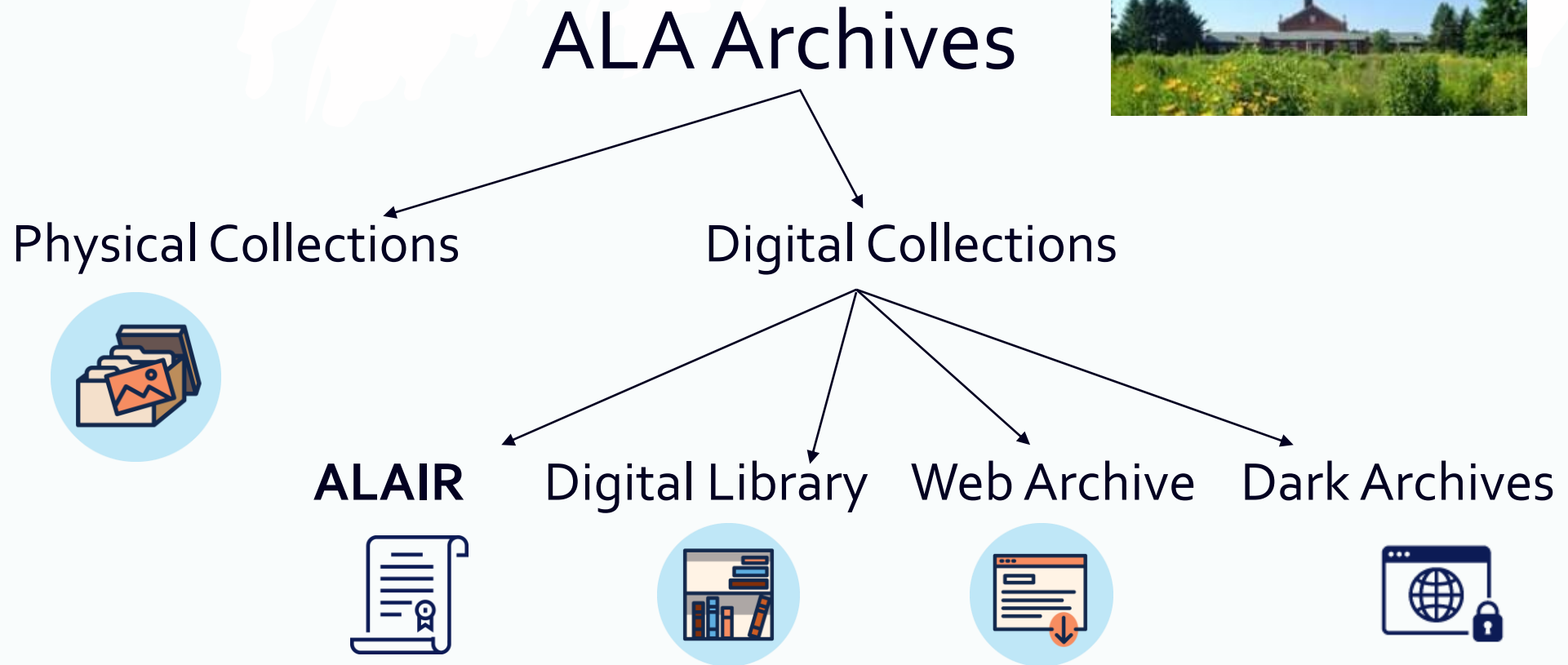


DSpace Repository established as a place for the publications, research, and intellectual work of ALA



Over 18,700 items from ALA staff and membership

Archives Structure



Why Use ALAIR?



Preservation

Long term storage

Items backed up into separate servers

Checksums

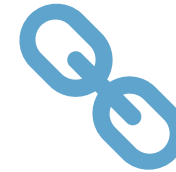


Access

Several search options

Easy navigation (compared to Connect, the Website, & Web Archive)

Open to the Public (Connect is often restricted)



Convenience

Short stable links

Post documents to ALAIR instead of directly to website, saving valuable space!

What to Deposit?

Official records: constitutions, by-laws, minutes and agendas, transcripts, manuals, reports, rosters

Historical files documenting policies, decisions, reports, events, speeches

Publications: conference programs, journals, newsletters, brochures, book lists, posters, and flyers

Audiovisual items: webinars, oral histories, videos, images

ALAIR is open access, ask yourself: Would I post this on my ALA unit website?

Getting Started



Create an Account in ALAIR: <https://alair.ala.org/register>



Email the ALA Archives to gain permissions to upload

Include the email address you registered with and ALA units you need access to



Start Uploading!



Made a mistake?

Contact the Archives with a link to the item record and what you need fixed. We address all issues as soon as possible.



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